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Classified By: (U) Classified by Acting Political Counselor Charles O. Blaha, E.O. 12958, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

1. (C) On March 17 we presented reftel Gotovina demarche to MFA EU Political Affairs Officer Ege Turemen, who agreed that Croatia should cooperate with the ICTY. Turemen expressed concern over press articles that suggested the criticisms against Croatia could spill over and affect Turkish EU accession negotiations. Turemen expressed relief that the demarche only discussed Croatia, making no mention of Turkey, and was pleased that the Embassy made an effort to inform Turkey along with EU countries.

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